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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISABILITY POLICY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to adopt a disability policy in the University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The policy of the Government of India with regard to persons with disabilities in the matter of appointment, promotion and other opportunities as decided by the Government of India is applicable to University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Central Universities.
UGC has informed that it has already circulated the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 to Universities including Central Universities requesting them to strictly follow the provisions contained therein. In addition , the UGC XI Plan guidelines indicated that buildings should be disabled-friendly and provide barrier free access to persons with disability. Further, the construction plans should clearly address the accessibility issues pertaining to disability. The UGC has also indicated that guidelines on accessibility laid out by the office of the Chief Commissioner of Disabilities, Government of India may be followed in the case of construction and making the environment disability friendly. AICTE has also informed that while granting approval for establishment of new institutions, it has made implementation of the provisions for the benefit of disabled students mandatory.

(c): Does not arise.